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Simon G. Markos, D.D.S.
Secretary-Treasurer, N. H. Dental Board
8 Renaud Avenue
Dover, New Hampshire

Re: Dr. Souren Ouzounian

Dear Dr. Markos:

During a recent conference at this office Mrs. Markos submitted to me copies of recent correspondence between Attorney George R. Scammon of Exeter, New Hampshire and you relative to the qualifications of the above named to apply for a license to practice dentistry in New Hampshire. Mr. Scammon also inquired whether it would be possible for Dr. Ouzounian to have employment at the State Hospital as a dentist for the patients at that institution.

From the correspondence submitted it appears that Dr. Ouzounian is not a U. S. citizen. In view of this fact it is clear from RSA 317:7 that he is not eligible to apply for a license to practice in this State.

With respect to Dr. Ouzounian's possible employment at the State Hospital, you quote in your letter to Mr. Scammon on September 23, 1958 the following extract from an opinion rendered in February of 1956 by former Assistant Attorney General George F. Nelson:

"I do not believe that legal authority exists to employ graduated dentists, who are disqualified from registration for some reason although they have completed their dental education, by designating them as students."

The only exception for practice by unlicensed dentists is for students. RSA 317:17. We have found no statutory changes which would cause us to change the opinion previously expressed by Mr. Nelson.

In brief, we are of the opinion that the conclusions stated in your letter to Mr. Scammon of September 23, 1958 are legally correct.

Very truly yours,

George T. Ray, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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